

## Big Horn County 2003 Count of Persons by Age, Race, and Gender

School Age	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone and Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5 to 9	266	129	0	0	841	417	4	2	43	21	63	33
10 to 14	283	137	1	1	929	436	0	0	30	12	51	23
15 to 19	340	163	1	0	849	422	0	0	36	17	43	29
20 to 24	222	102	0	0	651	318	0	0	16	8	31	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3,270</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>100</b>

Working Age	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone and Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
15+	3,816	1,931	3	0	5,246	2,757	29	23	183	99	291	137
15-64	3,093	1,513	3	0	4,888	2,553	18	14	163	84	274	129
20+	3,476	1,768	2	0	4,397	2,335	29	23	147	82	248	108
20-64	2,753	1,350	2	0	4,039	2,131	18	14	127	67	231	100

Other Age Group	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone and Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0 to 4	228	86	0	0	957	461	4	4	31	13	64	24
5 to 19	889	429	2	1	2,619	1,275	4	2	109	50	157	85
20 to 44	1,329	646	0	0	2,633	1,381	10	9	71	40	173	74
45 to 64	1,424	704	2	0	1,406	750	8	5	56	27	58	26
65+	723	418	0	0	358	204	11	9	20	15	17	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,593</b>	<b>2,283</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7,973</b>	<b>4,071</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>217</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2003 Population Estimates  
Compiled by: Research & Analysis Bureau

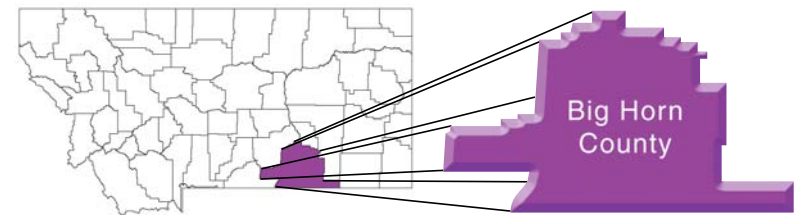
## Top 10 Private Employers in Big Horn County Listed in Alphabetical Order

Awe Kualawaache Care Center	Little Big Horn Casino
Big Horn County Memorial Hospital	Little Horn State Bank
Custer Battlefield Trading Post	McDonald's
Decker Coal Company	Stevenson's IGA
Kennecott Energy Co. Spring Creek Mine	Washington Group International (Sarpy Creek)

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau  
Second Quarter 2004 Unemployment Insurance Information. This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state, and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.



## For Big Horn County



### Cities and Towns in Big Horn County

Busby ■ Crow Agency ■ Decker ■ Fort Smith  
Garryowen ■ Hardin ■ Lodge Grass  
Pryor ■ St. Xavier ■ Wyola

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Located in southeastern Montana, Big Horn County is home to the Crow Indian Reservation, Montana's fourth largest with a population of 5,165, or 41 percent of the county's total population, according to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000. The Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation borders the Crow Reservation on the east.

Information in the Count of Persons by Age, Race, and Gender table on the back page will help people make decisions regarding the American Indians and others living in Big Horn County. For example, businesses looking to hire can see how many working age people live in the county and educators can use the school age population numbers for planning for enrollment changes.

Information on the inside table, Employment by Industry, Annual Averages for 2003, shows the mining industry in Big Horn County is very important to the area economy. Mining had an annual average employment of 373 jobs with total annual wages paid of \$26 million. Most of the mining jobs are in coal mining and Big Horn County has 41 percent of the statewide total coal mining employment. Only the government sector has a larger total payroll, but also employs nearly six times as many workers. Three of the top 10 private employers in Big Horn County (see table on back page) are in the mining industry, which generally pay higher annual salaries on average than most other industries listed in the table. The mining industry provides for 51 percent of the total private annual wages in Big Horn County.

Big Horn County is Montana's 14th most populous with 12,894 residents, according to the 2003 Census Bureau estimates. Hardin, the county seat, is the state's 22nd largest city with a population of 3,448. According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Big Horn County households in 2002 was \$26,414. Median income is the average per household income in the county (no matter how many people live in the home); per capita income (inside table) is all income in the county divided by the number of people in the county.

The Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument is southeast of Hardin and memorializes those who died when Lt. Col. George A. Custer and his troops were defeated by Sioux and Northern Cheyenne warriors on June 25, 1876.

## Big Horn County Population

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Area	7/1/2003 Estimate	7/1/2002 Estimate	4/1/2000 Census	4/1/1990 Census	Percent Change 2002-2003	Percent Change 2000-2003	Percent Change 1990-2000
Montana	917,621	910,372	902,195	799,065	0.8%	1.7%	12.9%
Big Horn County	12,894	12,814	12,671	11,337	0.6%	1.8%	11.8%
Hardin	3,448	3,417	3,384	2,940	0.9%	1.9%	15.1%
Lodge Grass	518	515	510	517	0.6%	1.6%	-1.4%

## Big Horn County Farms and Ranches

<b>Total Farms and Ranches</b>	<b>584</b>
<b>Oilseed &amp; Grain Farming</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Vegetable &amp; Melon Farming</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Fruit &amp; Tree Nut Farming</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Greenhouse, Nursery &amp; Floriculture Production</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Sugar Beets, Hay &amp; All Other Crops</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Beef Cattle Ranching &amp; Farming</b>	<b>316</b>
<b>Cattle Feedlots</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Dairy Cattle &amp; Milk Production</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Hog &amp; Pig Farming</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Poultry &amp; Egg Production</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Sheep &amp; Goat Farming</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Animal Aquaculture &amp; Other Animal Production</b>	<b>96</b>

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service,  
2002 Census of Agriculture

## 2000 Big Horn County Commuters by Location

<i>County of Residence</i>	<i># Who Work in Big Horn County</i>	<i>County of Work</i>	<i># Who Live in Big Horn County</i>
Out of State	488	Out of State	50
Big Horn County	3,937	Big Horn County	3,937
Carbon County	12	Lewis & Clark County	3
Cascade County	8	Rosebud County	294
Custer County	6	Sweet Grass County	4
Dawson County	3	Treasure County	28
Gallatin County	14	Yellowstone County	260
Hill County	5		
Powder River County	5		
Rosebud County	22		
Sanders County	7		
Treasure County	18		
Yellowstone County	207		
Other Montana counties	8		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Data



## Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau



For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, job projections, and hourly pay by occupation, contact our office at:

P.O. Box 1728 Helena, MT 59624  
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Or check out our website at:  
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Be sure to check our location quotients for Big Horn County on the website. Location quotients are a measure of the concentration of an industry's employment in Big Horn County relative to the nation as a whole. A location quotient generally greater than 1 indicates that the industry is more concentrated in Big Horn County than in the nation as a whole, while a location quotient less than 1 indicates it is less concentrated in Big Horn County than in the nation as a whole.

## Resources

### Census and Economic Information for Montana:

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, P. O. Box 200505, Helena, MT 59620-0505, 406-841-2740 or check out the Internet website at <http://ceic.commerce.state.mt.us/>

### Chamber of Commerce:

Hardin Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, 10 E. Railway, Hardin, MT 59034, 406-665-1672,

### Department of Labor and Industry:

**Billings Job Service Workforce Center**, 2121 Rosebud Drive Stop B, Billings, MT 59102-6274, 406-652-3080, <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/local/billings/>

### Economic Development:

Contact the City of Hardin, Economic Development Office, 406 N. Cheyenne, Hardin, MT 59034, 406-665-9292 or 406-665-9293

### Housing Costs:

Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

### Internet:

Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>.

For information on the Internet about cities and towns of Busby, Crow Agency, Decker, Fort Smith, Garryowen, Hardin, Lodge Grass, Pryor, St. Xavier and Wyola go to <http://www.visitmt.com> and click on "cities and towns."

### Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

#### Drivers' Licensing

Hardin-Courthouse, 121 W. 3rd St., Hardin, MT 59034, 406-665-9830

### Newspapers:

*Big Horn County News*, P. O. Box 926, Hardin, MT 59034, 406-665-1008,  
<http://www.bighorncountynews.com/>

### Public Library:

Big Horn County Public Library, 419 N. Custer Ave., Hardin, MT 59034-1892, 406-665-1808

## Big Horn County Annual Average Labor Force

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2003	5,111	4,308	803	15.7%
2002	5,082	4,336	746	14.7%
2001	5,264	4,356	908	17.2%
2000	5,832	4,980	852	14.6%
1999	5,417	4,895	522	9.6%
1998	5,226	4,756	470	9.0%
1997	5,117	4,636	481	9.4%
1996	5,024	4,521	503	10.0%
1995	4,888	4,267	621	12.7%
1994	5,198	4,549	649	12.5%
1993	5,019	4,382	637	12.7%
1992	5,152	4,388	764	14.8%
1991	4,704	4,165	539	11.5%
1990	4,596	3,979	617	13.4%
1989	4,364	3,876	488	11.2%
1988	4,778	4,264	514	10.8%
1987	4,864	4,233	631	13.0%
1986	4,921	4,199	722	14.7%
1985	4,759	4,268	491	10.3%
1984	4,603	4,201	402	8.7%
1983	5,263	4,816	447	8.5%
1982	5,524	5,023	501	9.1%
1981	5,766	5,235	531	9.2%
1980	6,055	5,662	393	6.5%
1979	5,901	5,603	298	5.0%
1978	5,518	5,150	368	6.7%
1977	4,555	4,194	361	7.9%
1976	4,346	4,091	255	5.9%
1975	4,157	3,862	295	7.1%
1974	4,177	3,856	321	7.7%
1973	3,865	3,608	257	6.6%
1972	3,704	3,481	223	6.0%
1971	3,759	3,530	229	6.1%
1970	3,664	3,496	168	4.6%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau (2003 Benchmark).

## Big Horn County Per Capita Personal Income

Year	U.S.	Big Horn	% of National Average	Year	U.S.	Big Horn	% of National Average
2002	\$30,795	\$16,187	52%	1995	\$23,076	\$12,879	56%
2001	\$30,580	\$15,945	52%	1994	\$22,172	\$13,345	60%
2000	\$29,847	\$15,942	53%	1993	\$21,346	\$14,115	66%
1999	\$27,939	\$14,427	52%	1992	\$20,854	\$13,049	63%
1998	\$26,883	\$14,331	53%	1991	\$19,892	\$12,398	62%
1997	\$25,334	\$13,752	54%	1990	\$19,477	\$11,153	57%
1996	\$24,175	\$12,757	53%				



### Postsecondary Education Institution:

Little Big Horn College, 1 Forest Lane, Crow Agency, MT 59022, 406-638-3104,  
<http://www.lbhc.cc.mt.us>

### Big Horn County Public Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

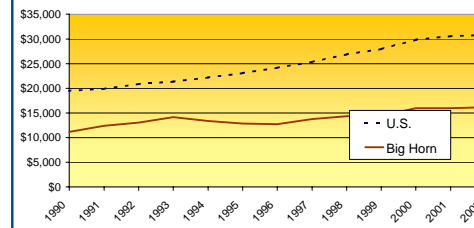
Community Elementary, 625 W. 4th, Hardin, MT 59034, 406-665-1304  
 Hardin Public Schools, Route 1 Box 1001, Hardin, MT 59034-9707, 406-665-1304  
 Lodge Grass Public Schools, P. O. Box 810, Lodge Grass, MT 59050-0559, 406-639-2304  
 Pryor Public Schools, P. O. Box 229, Pryor, MT 59066, 406-259-7329  
 Spring Creek Elementary, P. O. Box 118, Decker, MT 59025, 406-757-2215  
 Wyola Elementary, P. O. Box 66, Wyola, MT 59089, 406-343-2722

## Summary of Major Occupational Categories by Gender 2000 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Employed Persons 16 Years and Older - Big Horn County

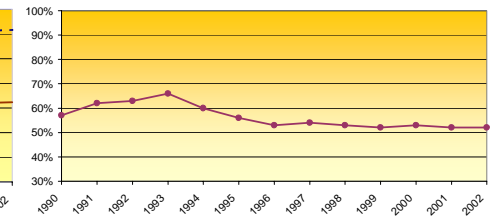
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<i>Total</i>	4,660	2,321	2,339
<i>Management, professional, and related occupations:</i>	1,559	698	861
Management, business, and financial operations occupations:	595	410	185
Management, except farmers and farm managers	218	109	109
Farmers and farm managers	288	266	22
Business and financial operations occupations:	89	35	54
<i>Professional and related occupations:</i>	964	288	676
Education, training, and library occupations	500	103	397
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations:	200	38	162
<i>Service occupations:</i>	1,076	464	612
Protective service occupations:	208	167	41
Food preparation and serving related occupations	304	118	186
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	207	103	104
Personal care and service occupations	187	28	159
<i>Sales and office occupations:</i>	995	221	774
Sales and related occupations	341	133	208
Office and administrative support occupations	654	88	566
<i>Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations</i>	158	147	11
<i>Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations:</i>	531	516	15
Construction and extraction occupations:	346	336	10
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	185	180	5
<i>Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:</i>	341	275	66
Production occupations	80	55	25
Motor vehicle operators	186	164	22
Material moving workers	62	43	19

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Equal Employment Opportunity File,  
[www.census.gov/eo](http://www.census.gov/eo) 2001.

### Per Capita Personal Income



### Percent of National Average



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis,  
 Regional Economic Information System. Released September 2004

## Big Horn County Employment by Industry\* Annual Averages 2003

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
<b>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	299	3,914	\$108,651,052
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	250	1,786	\$50,621,422
<b>AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING &amp; HUNTING</b>	17	94	\$1,728,918
Animal Production	9	48	\$954,319
<b>MINING</b>	7	373	\$25,840,895
Mining, Except Oil and Gas	4	284	\$20,097,208
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	30	51	\$1,191,582
Specialty Trade Contractors	16	38	\$823,936
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b>	9	68	\$1,610,103
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b>	42	315	\$4,657,484
Motor Vehicle Parts and Dealers	5	44	\$1,095,678
Building Material & Garden Supply Stores	7	19	\$293,061
Gasoline Stations	7	68	\$724,749
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, Music Stores	4	14	\$157,245
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	7	42	\$358,345
<b>TRANSPORTATION &amp; WAREHOUSING</b>	10	38	\$559,961
Truck Transportation	4	3	\$77,539
Transit and Ground Passenger Transport	4	31	\$322,056
<b>INFORMATION</b>	6	27	\$321,923
Telecommunications	3	6	\$109,078
<b>FINANCE AND INSURANCE</b>	10	89	\$2,297,039
Credit Intermediation & Related Activity	3	59	\$1,736,429
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	7	30	\$560,610
<b>REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING</b>	9	19	\$365,367
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES</b>	20	65	\$1,533,584
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	6	9	\$169,627
<b>HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>	12	213	\$4,468,652
Ambulatory Health Care Services	5	10	\$212,803
Social Assistance	5	25	\$399,457
<b>ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION</b>	14	63	\$1,043,478
Amusements, Gambling, and Recreation	11	61	\$1,003,080
<b>ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES</b>	27	262	\$2,559,295
Accommodation	10	65	\$812,364
Food Services and Drinking Places	17	197	\$1,746,931
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	23	48	\$729,229
Repair and Maintenance	6	17	\$302,515
Membership Associations & Organizations	9	17	\$188,966
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	49	2,128	\$58,029,630
Local Government	18	1,572	\$35,150,915
State Government	11	53	\$1,754,536
Federal Government	21	503	\$21,124,179

Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.) \*This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.